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### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*Public Health Convention at San Francisco, September 13-17.*—The 49th National Convention of the American Public Health Association will be held in San Francisco September 13-17, 1920, and from present indications will bring to California the most distinguished body of health officials that have ever come to the Pacific Coast. This is the first convention that the A.P.H.A. has held west of the Missouri River and for many of the delegates it will be the first visit to California. Our State has long boasted of its healthful attractions and has an opportunity now to exhibit them to scientific men and women who can appraise and appreciate them best. . . .

*Some Practical Features of Heart Disease.*—It has been said in these columns that modern medicine embraces the prevention, cure and alleviation of disease. In the realm of organic heart disease it is evident that prevention and cure have been little touched in our therapeutics, and what progress we have made has been chiefly in the line of alleviation, more or less lasting. The newer cardio-pathology takes less account of murmurs and cardiac sounds, and in turn stresses the functional ability of the heart as of chief value in prognosis and treatment. Excluding the relatively infrequent, acute, infective heart lesions, the treatment of heart disease therefore demands of the physician a better acquaintance with the first evidences of disease and a better knowledge of etiology, in order that the all-important prevention of heart disease may be more frequently accomplished. . . .

*Chiropractic S. O. S.*—We are informed by the Los Angeles Record that the chiropractors are issuing S.O.S. signals at frequent intervals these days. The signals are chiefly for quick and generous financial aid. Chiropractors who have been violating the medical practice laws have been arrested in a number of California cities. They want a defense fund.

The safest road for these to travel, as well as members of all other cults, and of the entire medical profession is the highway marked by definite statutes. It is not only safest for them but safest for the public. It is a mystery to us where and why any adult gets the opinion that the medical laws of this State can be violated with impunity. The amazing audacity of those who attempt to practice the healing art in defiance of law is born of egotism and ignorance. The exalted ego of little learning seems to convince its dupes that they are born to heal for coin and their ignorance confirms the verdict. . . .

#### EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

*From an Article on "Neglected Opportunities," by H. A. L. Ryfkoogel, M.D., San Francisco, Cal. Address of President.*—For many reasons the members of the medical profession of California are singularly fortunate. . . .

The possibilities of civic service by an organized medical profession. . . .  
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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco 8.

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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### Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was held at Native Sons Hall, San Francisco, July 9th to 12th, at which charges of unprofessional conduct were heard, petitions for modification of probation and for restoration of revoked certificates were considered.

The next oral examination to be held by the Board is scheduled for August 11, 1945, at the Board's Los Angeles office, 907 State Building, Los Angeles. Applicants desiring to qualify for this examination should have fully completed applications on file at least two weeks prior to the date of the examination.

### News

"Army and Navy medical officers not holding California licenses, may treat military personnel outside of a military reservation or at a military hospital only in case of emergency and as an official duty to the armed forces, Attorney General Robert W. Kenny stated Saturday. His ruling was requested by the State Board of Medical Examiners. Kenny said, 'Army and Navy medical officers may in an emergency situation, treat the dependents of military personnel, since the health and welfare of such dependents bear directly upon the morale and efficiency of the members of the armed forces. Except in the case of such emergencies, and as an official duty, no medical treatment may be administered by unlicensed medical officers to non-military personnel in any non-Federal area within the State of California.' The opinion was prepared by J. Albert Hutchinson, Deputy attorney-general." (San Francisco Recorder, May 28, 1945.)

"The call was sounded today for more Los Angeles men and women to enlist in the United States Navy as Waves and Physicians. The reason for the urgent call, according to Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the navy, is increased casualties expected in the Pacific war area. McIntire said that 10,000 more Waves and 4,000 physicians are needed by the navy immediately. Applicants may apply at the Office of Naval Procurement, 411 West Fifth Street." (Los Angeles Herald and Express, May 18, 1945.)

"Tell the West Coast folks that we used blood five days after it was walking around in San Francisco. My buddies need more.' Lieutenant (jg) John R. Wassell sent that message to his father, the famed Dr. Wassell of Burma action fame. Lieutenant Wassell is a medical officer aboard a landing ship hospital. In the Iwo Jima campaign, he said, blood donated by San Franciscans was used in 37 major operations within a brief period. He said plasma had its place in surgery, but that it could not replace whole blood in extreme cases." (San Francisco News, May 19, 1945.)

"Paul O. Sampson, food faddist who addressed civic clubs of Chico, Oroville, Marysville, Gridley and dozens of other northern California cities on the subject of

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cal profession ramify in countless directions and his neglect of his very great responsibilities has resulted in the trained medical man the world over having no voice in legislative bodies. . . .

Happily the medical profession has the good fortune to have enemies who have roused them from their lethargy of civic inactivity, enemies who by venal methods have sought to retard new or even undo former legislation that tended to advance medical and sanitary science. . . .

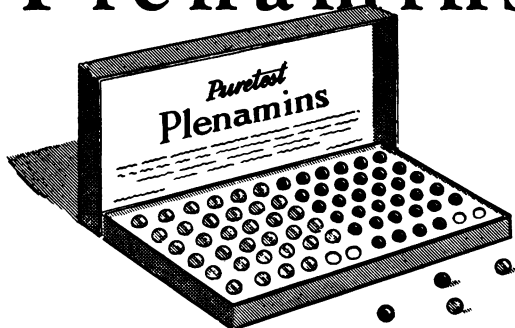
From an Article on "Campaign Issues," by Dudley A. Smith, M.D., President of the League for the Conservation of Public Health, Santa Barbara, May 12, 1920.—A year ago in this very room the League held its first luncheon at a convention of the State Medical Society. When we were invited to fill a similar place on this year's program we accepted gladly; for all the work that we have been doing has been for the upbuilding of the medical profession, and we have been successful in our work because we have received the untiring, enthusiastic and active coöperation of the medical profession throughout the State.

We told you last year that the League was a 365-day organization that was both on and on to its job, always ready for fight or frolic, for emergency or regular service. We had scarcely left Santa Barbara when we were called upon to make good our promises by doing heroic emergency work. . . .

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information to warrant us in recommending their defeat.

**What Anti-Vivisection Would Do to California:**—The first to which I invite your attention is the proposed initiative which the anti-vivisectionists are placing on the ballot to be voted on at the general election, November 2, 1920. . . .

**Why Do Chiropractors Want Independent Board?:**—The second measure is the Chiropractic Initiative which proposes to create a separate Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Under the present laws of California a chiropractor may take the drugless examination which requires only half the educational qualifications demanded for a physician and surgeon's certificate. So that any half-educated disciple of chiropractic may secure a license by passing the easy examination given by the State

Board of Medical Examiners. . . .

**Osteopathic Referendum:**—Another measure on which the medical profession should be prepared to give accurate information is the referendum which the osteopaths have placed upon Senate Bill No. 604. Senate Bill No. 604 amends Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Act of March 6, 1907, regulating the sale and use of poisons in the State of California, and makes it unlawful for any person to sell, vend, or give away or furnish a hypodermic needle unless such instrument was purchased by a duly licensed physician, dentist or veterinarian to practice and prescribe medicine. All these various terms are defined in the Act and do not include an osteopath. . . .

**Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the Public School Protective League:**—A fourth measure—a Constitutional Amendment—will appear on the ballot at the general election November 2, 1920. . . .

**Better Health Magazine:**—Better Health magazine—

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the official organ of the League for the Conservation of Public Health—will deal very fully in coming issues with this and other vital issues that confront the medical profession. . . .

From an Article on "Experiences in Testicle Transplantation," by L. L. Stanley, M.D., San Quentin, Cal.—During the past two years eleven men have been operated upon at San Quentin prison for the implantation of human testes taken from recently executed convicts.

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larly Lydston of Chicago, whose reports have appeared in medical journals, and later by Voronoff of Paris, and Brinckley of Milford, Kansas, who through the daily press under their own signatures have made statements which have aroused the curiosity of the public and have instilled into some unfortunates, the hope of longevity and eternal youth. . . .

From an Article on "Uretero-Pyelography and Cystography: Their Present Status and Safety as Diagnostic Agents," by George G. Reinle and E. Spence DePuy, M.D., Oakland, Cal.—Since, through the injection of shadow-casting material into the ureters, kidney pelvis and calyces it has become possible to obtain silhouettes of this portion of the urinary tract, the question naturally arises as to whether the results obtained from this procedure are of scientific value. And as we are

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*Excerpts from Minutes of the House of Delegates—The Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Medical Society of the State of California: First Session Held at The Ambassador, Santa Barbara, Tuesday Evening, May 11, 1920, 8:30 o'clock:*

*Report of the Council.*—The President then called upon the Chairman, C. G. Kenyon, who read the following report of the Council:

To the President and the Members of the House of Delegates:

As Chairman of the Council, I wish to present the following report:

During the year 1919-1920 the Council has met upon seven occasions. The majority of these meetings were called to consider the subject of the *Industrial Accident Insurance*. The committee which had this work in charge has labored most strenuously and done more actual work than any one not familiar with the situation could realize. The Council has summed up the work of this committee, and this matter will be presented to you in proper form later on. It must be stated, however, that the fee schedule problem is one having many angles and very difficult to solve. The results of our deliberations

can only be termed a compromise report. It is a step in the right direction and we can only make one step at a time. An effort of this sort will bring good results and more good to the profession at large than any sporadic and ill-considered action on the part of isolated units in the Medical Society. We therefore ask you to have patience and promise that the Council, if authorized, will continue its activity on behalf of the practicing profession. . . .

*Report of the Secretary.*—The President then called upon the Secretary, Saxton Pope, who made the following report: . . .

Through our efforts to gain new members last year we have increased our membership to 2879. This work goes on and it shall be continued during the coming year until we shall undoubtedly exceed the total number of 3000 physicians in the State. . . .

*Unfinished Business: Adoption of the Report of the Committee on Industrial Accident Work.*—The President then called upon Jas. H. Parkinson, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Council, for a final report of the work which had been accomplished by said Committee in Industrial Accident work. . . .

*Fee Schedule for Physicians and Surgeons.*—Presented by the Committee of the Council of the Medical Society of the State of California for the treatment of Industrial Accident cases covered by the Workmen's Compensation Law. Note A. These fees represent a minimum! Fees higher than schedule will be allowed when warranted by unusual difficulties or requiring an unusual amount of time. . . .

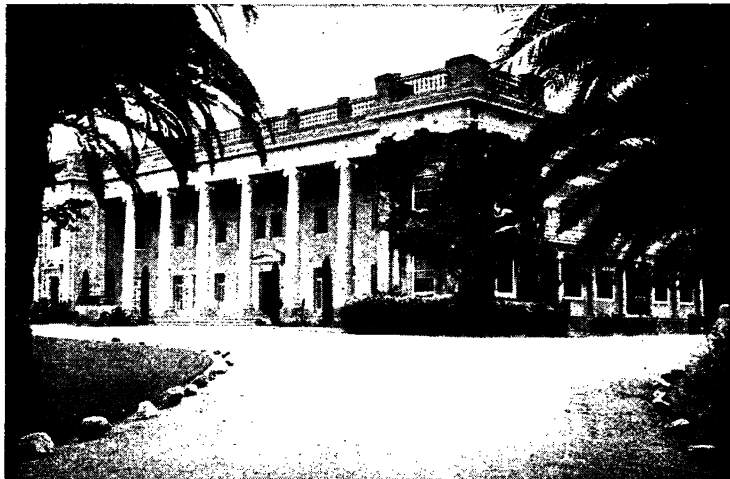
*Second Session, Wednesday Evening, May 12, 1920, at 8:30 o'clock.*—*Election of Officers.*—Nominations for President-Elect were declared in order.

*President-Elect*—John H. Graves of San Francisco

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was nominated for President-Elect by Frank B. Carpenter of San Francisco, said nomination being duly seconded by Wm. T. McArthur of Los Angeles. On motion, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the House for John H. Graves for President-Elect. The Secretary duly cast the ballot, and John H. Graves was duly declared elected President-Elect of the Society for the year 1920. . . .

Driven from every other corner of the earth, freedom of thought and the right of private judgment in matters of conscience directed their course to this happy country as their last asylum.

—Samuel Adams, *Speech*, Philadelphia, 1 Aug., 1776.

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better and longer living through diet, was arrested yesterday and booked at the Chico City Jail on four charges of violating the medical laws and the pure food laws of California. Held on \$2,000 bail on the four charges. He was finally released on personal recognizance to Dr. A. J. Ware, Allison Ware, by order of Justice of Peace J. J. Robbins. He was arrested by Joseph W. Williams, . . . special agent of the State Medical Board, and L. F. Gipsen, investigator of the State Pharmacy Board. Sampson was specifically charged with violating section 2141 of the Medical Laws business and professional code for practicing a system of treating the sick without a license . . ." (*Chico Record*, May 6, 1945.)

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